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REMARKS

The present application was originally filed with 28 Claims. In a Preliminary Amendment mailed July 17, 2001, Claims 2, 3, and 14-28 were cancelled without prejudice and Claims 29 and 30 were added. Thus, Claims 1, 4-13, 29 and 30 were pending. In a Restriction Requirement mailed September 27, 2002, the Examiner restricted the Claims into two Groups, with Claims 1, 4-10 and 29-30 in Group I, and Claims 11-13 in Group II. In a Response filed on October 9, 2002, Applicants elected the Claims in Group I with traverse, and cancelled Claims 11-13. Thus, Claims 1, 4-10 and 29-30 were pending in the present application. In a Response filed June 13, 2003, and a subsequent Response filed February 13, 2004, Applicants amended Claim 1 and cancelled Claims 9, 10, 29, and 30, without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the originally filed, similar and/or broader claims in one or more subsequently filed applications. In the present Final Office Action, Applicants appreciatively note that the Examiner indicates that Claims 34-39 are allowed. In order to further Applicants' business interests and the prosecution of the present application, yet without acquiescing to the Examiner's arguments, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-33, in order to allow Claims 34-39 to pass to allowance. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any and/or all of the cancelled Claims and/or similar Claims in one or more Continuation application(s).

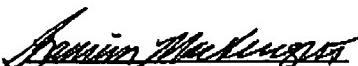
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CONCLUSION

All grounds of rejection and objection of the Office Action of November 4, 2004, having been addressed, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicant encourages the Examiner to call the undersigned at (650) 846-5838.

Respectfully submitted,

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